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U. S. Department of Agriculture Library  
Newsletter

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As you know, the Newsletter is not read some times when we have high-up speakers to whom we wish to give all the time of the meeting. We are also often times reluctant to have them hear the personal items about our Library family. It seems the irony of fate that at this meeting when we have no speaker and which is, so to speak, a family affair, we have such a derth of news.

The Department Library has a new assistant, Mr. Russell Le Gear, who takes Mr. Henley's place at the Periodical Desk. Mr. Le Gear comes to us from the Bureau of Education Library where he had charge of the periodicals.

Miss Margûe potter, who has been in the Department Library for several years and has worked in the Periodical, Circulation and Catalogue Divisions, has accepted a position in the Zoological Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, where she will do bibliographical work.

Miss Harriet E. Welsh has been appointed to fill the position of Senior Typist formerly occupied by Miss Katherina A. Donch in the Catalogue Division. She will begin work on February 1st. It has not been possible to fill this position sooner, on account of the Library's limited funds. It will be remembered that Miss Donch typed the cards prepared by the cataloguers and that during the few months this plan was in operation the cataloguing was much expedited. The Catalogue Division is therefore much gratified that it is now possible to have a permanent typist.

The Office of Experiment Stations Library is happy to report that Mrs. Edmonds who has been ill since last July was able to resume her duties the first of this year.

Mrs. Webb from the Periodical Division of the Department Library has been detailed to the Office of Experiment Stations Library for three months, November, December and January.

Bibliographical Contribution No. 12 of the Department of Agriculture Library has been issued. It is "Peat: A contribution towards a bibliography of the American literature through 1925", compiled by Alice C. Atwood of the Bureau of Plant Industry Library. It is, of course, mimeographed and is 92 pages in length. It consists of a classified list with author and subject indexes.

The new "Union List of serials in the libraries of the United States and Canada", even in its provisional edition, is proving a very useful tool. We consult it at least half a dozen times a day. The whole alphabet is now covered in this Provisional edition, and Miss Bien is working on the final checking of it - now in the letter J. The checking involves a great deal of work for knotty points and cases in which our sets do not seem to correspond with those of other libraries are continually arising. The benefit to us comes from the checking of other people. We hope they are also spending a lot of time on it. Some things to remember in using it are that it includes the holdings only of certain libraries, not every library in the country, and that,



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in general, a certain journal is reported from only two or three libraries of a city, although it may be in the possession of a dozen of them; also that administrative reports and, in general, government publications, are not included.

The long looked for first number of Biological Abstracts has been received this month and is on exhibition in the Reference Room on demand. As you know it is to supersede Botanical Abstracts and Abstracts of Bacteriology, and is to include the literature of all branches of biology. It begins with the literature of 1926, the other abstract journals being issued during 1926 to take care of earlier publications. It is expected to do for biology what Chemical Abstracts does for chemistry. The arrangement is classified and there is an author index to each number.

Agricultural Economics Literature is the name of the new monthly being prepared in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library. It supersedes the Library Supplement to the R. A. E. News which has been issued since January, 1923, and aims to survey the literature of agricultural economics, both books and periodicals.

Price Fixing by Government 424 B. C. - 1926 A. D., compiled by Mary G. Lacy, Annie M. Hannay, and Emily L. Day, and issued as Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 18, was distributed early in January. It bears the date of November, 1926.

The University of California has expressed a desire to cooperate in the compilation of an index to the agricultural statistics of that State and arrangements are being made to employ some one on their behalf to work in the Economics Library under the direction of Miss Bercaw to complete this work already begun by her.

Mr. A. G. Waller, agricultural economist of the New Jersey agricultural college, called at the library recently to talk over plans for cooperation between the college and the Economics library in indexing the agricultural statistics of the State of New Jersey.

An index to Agricultural Economics Service and Regulatory Announcements, nos. 51-100 inclusive, has been prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and is available for distribution in printed form. It indexes the S. R. A. by commodities as well as by services.

You will remember that in Dr. Woods' talk last month about the plans for the new building, he asked for written suggestions from the Library in regard to the Library needs. He also suggested that various committees be appointed to look up special points. These committees were later appointed by Miss Barnett. In making the estimates and suggestions which Miss Barnett included in her statement to Dr. Woods, she had the aid of these various committees. Her statement was sent to Dr. Woods the day before Christmas. Instead of devoting her statement entirely to suggestions regarding building plans, Miss Barnett devoted the larger part of it to an explanation of the organization, policies, and administration of the Library, as she felt that these had an important bearing on the plans for the Library. Furthermore, it seemed desirable that Dr. Woods should be fully informed. Miss Barnett has recently had a letter from Dr. Woods expressing appreciation of the statement but he gave no further in-



in addition, a certain amount of material has been collected in the past, which is now being processed and is being put into the form of a book. It is hoped that this book will be published in the near future.

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formation in regard to the state of the plans for the new building. Copies of Miss Barnett's statement have been sent to the bureau librarians and to heads of divisions in the main Library. If other members of the staff would be interested in reading it, Miss Barnett will be very glad to let them have the report.

Prepared by Margaret D. Ross.





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February 17, 1927.

Mrs. Webb, who was detailed from the Department Library to the Office of Experiment Station Library for three months, has now come back to resume work at the Periodical Desk, which is especially glad to have her back at this time, since Mr. LeGear is away sick with tonsillitis.

Miss Elizabeth J. Sherwood was a visitor yesterday at the Department Library. Miss Sherwood worked here a good many years ago and since then has been in the New York Public Library, and later, editor of the Readers' Guide. Now she has a tea room and gift shop in the Berkshires during the summers and in the winter, with two other women, has a "Publishers Emergency Bureau" in New York City. Their letter head says that they are "experts in indexing, editing, proofreading, cataloguing, and filing". Miss Sherwood is now assisting in compiling a bibliography on game which is to be published by Dr. John C. Phillips, the author of the large monograph on ducks.

Miss Barnett has attended two meetings of the Building Committee which were devoted largely to a discussion of plans for the Library. Some of you may not know that it has been definitely decided not to place the Library in the Administration Building. It will be located instead in the office building which is to be built in the block between B and C Streets and 13th Street and Linworth Place. On account of the necessity of filling practically the entire block in order to obtain the maximum floor space, Miss Barnett's request for a separate wing for the Library could not be considered. The shape of the building now under consideration by the Committee is a hollow square opening on one side. The location of the Library has not yet been determined.

The H. W. Wilson Company is offering cash prizes for the best article giving helpful methods and suggestions for increasing and extending the use of the Readers' Guide Service. For particulars see the circular on the display case in this room.

At a previous meeting Miss Barnett called the attention of the staff to the First International Congress of Soil Science, to be held in Washington June 13-22. She had received a letter from Dr. Kellerman suggesting that the Department Library should prepare an exhibit in connection with the Congress and was anxious to make use of such an important opportunity. Plans are not yet complete but comprise (1) a bibliography of the American literature on soil science; (2) a card catalog of all literature on this subject available in the Department or in Washington; (3) a collection of books and periodicals, etc. The bibliography will probably be in the form of a classified list, with author and subject indexed. It is planned to have it mimeographed as one of the Library Bibliographical Contributions, and have it ready for distribution at the Congress. In view of the bigness of the subject and the shortness of the time, it will be impossible to have it complete, but it is hoped to cover very





thoroughly the two most important groups of literature, namely, publications of the Department of Agriculture and those of the state experiment stations. As a preliminary step Miss Barnett has secured from the Card Section of the Library of Congress some 10,000 or more printed cards covering all author and subject entries on topics connected with soil or fertilizers. At present Miss Warner is checking the printed cards with out catalog entries under soil topics, and noting titles for which there are not printed cards. These are being copied so that first of all we may have a complete record of everything which has been catalogued. Miss Feldkamp has taken the experiment station literature under advisement and hopes that the Office of Experiment Stations will be able to cover that field for the bibliography. Work on the card catalogue will probably be deferred until after most of the material is ready for the bibliography. The scope of the collection to be exhibited at the congress has not been decided but it will undoubtedly comprise a complete series of the Department publications relating to soils. This group, as also the cards printed by the Library of Congress for nearly all these publications, should be very interesting and helpful to foreign delegates interested in developing libraries for themselves or the institutions they represent.

The Library of the Bureau of Home Economics has just had 212 linear feet of shelving added. This takes care of the books and periodicals adequately and allows a little space for growth. It seems good to get the books and journals removed from the tables and windowsills where they have been stored on account of the congested condition of the shelves. The library now extends out into the hall.

The codling moth, familiarly known as *Carpocapsa pomonella*, is causing the Bureau of Entomology a great deal of trouble at present and a "Bibliography on Weather Conditions and the Codling Moth" has been recently prepared by Miss Hawes of the Bureau library. It consists of about 44 references with brief annotations. The field man at whose request it was prepared must have "told on" the library, as it is in great demand by others working on codling moth.

Miss Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, gave two lectures on the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and its Use, before the class in statistical methods being held during the first three weeks of February by the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates for the newly appointed assistant State statisticians and some of the senior clerks.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the University of California will contribute \$300 toward the compilation of the index to the agricultural statistics of that State and the work is now under way.

The January issue of Agricultural Economics Literature has appeared. It contains three signed reviews, twelve pages of descriptive notes and abstracts, a list of state bulletins on economic subjects recently received, and lists of foreign and domestic periodical articles on economic subjects.





Miss Dorothy Day is helping temporarily with some of the clerical work in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

A bulletin board for the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has been installed opposite the elevator on the third floor of the Bieber building. The first display included a map of the floor showing the location of the rooms devoted to the library, paper book covers of some of the new books, a copy of Agricultural Economics Literature, and a statement of the library's aim.

Compiled by Miss Jessie M. Allen.





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March 16, 1927.

The Pratt Institute Library School expects to visit the Department Library on March 31, at about 11 in the morning. In answer to Miss Barnett's inquiry, it was reported that probably none of the class would visit the Bureau libraries.

In the last Library Journal (March 1st) Miss Barnett has a review of Max Meisel's "Bibliography of American Natural History; The Pioneer Century, 1769-1865", the second volume of which was issued in 1926. The first volume was the first recipient of the Eunice Rockwood Oberly Memorial Prize. A third volume is still to be issued.

The leading article in the same number of the Library Journal is Miss Caroline Sherman's "Making Government Libraries Better Known" which she read at the meeting of the District of Columbia Library Association on February 5th.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Mamie I. Herb has been transferred from the Division of Land Economics to the Library to help with the compilation of sources of agricultural statistics. She began work today.

Miss Jacobs has been suffering with the grippe for over a week. She is improving slowly and hopes to be back next week.

Miss Gill is helping Miss Carpenter with the Loan Desk work and Miss Bercaw with reference work during part of each day.

At the luncheons of the staff on Tuesdays the plan has been tried recently of having members of the staff tell of their work. The purpose is to try to have each job explained so that it will be understood by a person having no library training or experience. General criticism of the method of presentation, especially of the use of technical words and of taking things for granted, follows in each case.

At the request of the Division of Agricultural Finance of this Bureau, the Library has prepared a preliminary bibliography on Taxation, with special reference to the farm, for the use of the Business Men's Commission on Agriculture. As it had to be finished before the date of their meeting it was not possible to prepare more than a preliminary list. It is hoped that a full bibliography may be compiled later.

Bureau of Plant Industry

Miss Atwood's article on "The Increase in Scientific Periodicals Since the Great War", which she read before the Washington Botanical Society at its November, 1926, meeting, has just been published in Science for March 11th. One of the members of the Society was heard to remark after the





meeting that this paper was "just an advertisement of the library". According to Miss Caroline Sherman's advice to us, this is then quite the proper kind of material to emanate from the library and we are glad it is being disseminated in print.

#### Bureau of Entomology

The library has as a resident visitor for all of March, Dr. Stanislaw Miikiéwicz of Pulawy, Poland, who is especially interested in insects affecting cereal and forage crops and in those affecting fruit. He keeps the bureau librarians busy explaining the bureau publications in simple English, but has not yet made us into walking dictionaries as newspaper man last week. This gentleman sat down quietly to read an article by Dr. Howard and every few minutes asked such questions as "Just what is a vector" - "What is ecology", etc., etc. Dr. Miikiéwicz was told about the Amaryllis show and at the end said "And the wolf flowers?" We were uncomprehending until the third repeat when we recognized the wolf flowers as the wild flowers! Several of the field men have also been here this month looking up references in connection with their work, so that bibliography is now at high tide with us.

Prepared by Mrs. McLean.





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April 18, 1927.

Mr. I. W. Perkins, of the Department Library, set out about March 25th on a trip to Barcelona, Spain. On the voyage over he pays his way and gets a dollar a day for attending to the wants of part of the cargo of mules which are making the journey to Spain. He expected that they would be something over two weeks on the way there, and after that the boat might go to other European ports. After landing the mules in Spain he would have no further work and would get passage back free. We suppose that he has reached the other side by this time but have not had time to hear from him. He expected to be gone about six weeks or two months.

Mr. Le Gear is doing Mr. Perkins' work in connection with the book circulation while he is away. Mrs. Webb is helping at the continuation desk and Mr. Smallwood at the current periodical desk.

Miss S. C. Cook has been appointed as a temporary typist to assist in the preparation of the bibliography of American soil literature which is to be part of the exhibit at the First International Congress of Soil Science to be held here June 13 to 22. Miss Warner is spending all her time and more on this bibliography.

Our only visiting library school this year, so far as we have yet heard, is Pratt, which arrived on March 31 and spent a couple of hours with us.

Miss Payen, who leaves us on April 17, will be greatly missed. We hope to see her again, however, for a few days in June.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Since the adjournment of Congress the list of bills on Agricultural Relief prepared in this library has been revised to include all the bills on agricultural relief introduced during both sessions of the 69th Congress. The library has also issued a supplement to Some References on Agricultural Relief.

The new bulletin board opposite the elevator in the hall, which has been placed in charge of the library, continues to receive favorable comment. In recent displays attention has been called to the work of the periodical desk and of the loan desk by means of posters, and samples of the bibliographical work have been shown. Book covers have several times added to the attractiveness of the board.

Mr. Volin, who helps us in the collection of our Russian economic material, took one of our Russian books with him on his honeymoon recently. As his bride was formerly a librarian, it was properly cared for.



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### THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### Bureau of Home Economics

A new and full time library assistant joined the Bureau of Home Economics on March 7th. She is Mrs. Elizabeth Young. Mrs. Young formerly worked in the library of the Air Corps of the War Department.

The circulation during March was the largest ever recorded in the Bureau library.

Our catalog has grown and we now have a second fifteen drawer unit in which to house it.

### Bureau of Public Roads

The Bureau of Public Roads has an active Committee on Research which has been functioning since the latter part of January. This Committee meets once a week to discuss new projects, pass on reports and authorize addresses. Until a week ago the Committee met in the Library but a committee room has just been provided for the Bureau.

A resolution passed by this Committee requires the filing of copies of all addresses made by members of the Bureau staff with the Library.

Another resolution provides that every time a research assignment is made a duplicate of the assignment be sent to the Library, the Library automatically to furnish the researcher with a list of references showing what has already been done on that subject. The first bibliography made by the Library under this arrangement was one on Tires for Motor Vehicles. The latest request relates to traffic accidents. No formal bibliography has as yet been prepared in response to this request but the researcher has been furnished with the Library's three drawers of card references on this and related subjects in order that a decision may be reached as to the best way to proceed.

The Library is to be furnished with copies of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Research Committee as an aid in keeping in touch with the work of the Bureau.

The Library has been assisting the Chief of the Bureau in procuring material for a lantern slide lecture on "Old Roads and New." When Mr. MacDonald came back from the meeting of the International Road Congress in Rome, he brought with him many pictures, most of them pictures he had taken himself, of roads in various parts of Europe, including ruins of old Roman roads. The Library has been supplementing these with pictures and text of roads and vehicles in olden days. This has meant days at the Congressional Library, working with books in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Latin, as well as English, and delving into the history of the Roman and Napoleonic

## Introduction

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### Bureau of Public Roads (Cont'd)

Empires and of Carthage and Alexandria, including the lives of the leading men of those periods, stories of travel and the evolution of vehicles. It has been one of the most interesting and varied pieces of work the Library has been called upon to do.

Conforming to the approved practice at this season, a new Easter bonnet has been provided for the mimeographed list of publications issued each week by the library, in the shape of a new electrotpe plate for the heading. The more formal heading furnished by means of such a plate was adopted some time ago at Miss Barnett's suggestion and has greatly improved the appearance of the list. However, the form adopted at that time has never proven quite satisfactory. In conformance with approved practice in the field of Agricultural Engineering, the new heading will read "Highways and Agricultural Engineering." The entire set-up has been somewhat changed to make for a better looking page. The List now has a circulation of 214, 84 in the Washington office, 36 to Bureau men outside of Washington, and 94 copies to persons or organizations that are not connected with the Bureau.

Spring cleaning and spring moving are the order of the day at the Bureau. It all began when the Chemical Laboratory was moved to the Farm to take care of the expansion of the activities of the Bureau. This was followed by removal of the Mechanical Shop from the building and a general shifting of offices to utilize the newly available space. The clean-up and paint-up campaign accompanying this moving began with the eighth floor and has proceeded as far as the second on its way through the building. In line with spring cleaning throughout the Bureau, the Library has started shelf-reading.

### Bureau of Entomology

Entomology reports an unusually busy month. Three weeks ago Dr. Stiles of the Hygienic Laboratory appeared with two assistants and between 700 and 800 "references" for verification. About half the "references" consisted of the scientific name of the insect only, no author, no date, so that the struggle was a long and hard one. To make matters worse Miss Hawes has been away for a week with a very severe cold and a bad throat, and this week Miss Carabelli also is away for two days as her mother has just returned from Italy.

Prepared by Helen B. Waterman.





# U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

## Newsletter

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May 12, 1927.

We rather thought that Biological Abstracts would miss our Library, and, sure enough, within the last few weeks they have established a representative here to look up the literature no available in Philadelphia. She is Mrs. Weld, formerly Miss Jamieson of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and is using the long table at the east end of the stacks.

Miss Upton has been refitting the Loan Desk records with celluloid guides, supposed to be permanent, and at any rate very good looking.

The Library was visited a few weeks ago by the library class of Hampton Institute. There were nine girls in the class - all colored. It is in charge of Miss Florence Curtis, a graduate of the N. Y. State Library School. This is the first year that the school has had such a tour.

### Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The first of the preliminary reports to be printed as job printing under the recent order of the Office of Information has just been received. It is Harvesting Wheat with a Combined Harvester-Thresher in the Great Plains Region, 1926, and is dated April, 1927.

Three typewritten bibliographies have been completed since the last staff meeting. They are: Budgetary control -- a list of references exclusive of books, by Minna Gill (2 p.); Hides and skins--a short list of references, by Emily L. Day (4 p.); and The negro farmer, including some references on negro migration, by Minna Gill (7 p.)

A list of current Department of Agriculture publications which are economic in character will appear hereafter each month in Agricultural Economics Literature. It is being compiled by Katherin Jacobs.

Miss Muriel Wright has returned from a three weeks' vacation spent at her home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Miss Margaret T. Olcott has returned from a ten days' visit to her sister's in northern New Jersey.

### Bureau of Dairy Industry

A list of reference on THE FLAVORS IN MILK AS INFLUENCED BY NUTRITION AND PHYSIOLOGY has recently been compiled by Miss Sherfy and Miss Williford, and contains 113 references. Typewritten copies are available upon request.

Summary

July 15, 1911

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The following is a summary of the results of the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, U. S. Department of Agriculture, during the summer of 1911, in connection with the study of the life history of the European spruce sawfly, *Pristiphora abietis* (L.), and its control.

The first part of the report deals with the life history of the sawfly, and the second part with the methods of control.

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A list of 42 references on MOLD IN BUTTER has also been compiled. Typewritten copies of this are also available.

The ICE CREAM BIBLIOGRAPHY which is being compiled is gradually taking form, and though the end is not yet in sight yet considerable has been accomplished.

The AMERICAN DAIRY FEDERATION made their 2d annual pilgrimage to Washington 2 weeks ago. Besides visiting the Bureau of Dairy Industry they also visited other bureaus and departments. They spent one day at the Beltsville Dairy Farm where the various projects in operation there were explained. A dairy luncheon was served by the Bureau.

The second day they visited the bureau and the 125 visitors were divided into 8 different groups, each group being addressed at the same time by as many different scientists for a period of fifteen minutes. In all 12 different projects were explained to each group. A dairy luncheon was again served in the laboratories consisting largely of foods into which dairy products enter.

#### Bureau of Entomology

Entomology reports a strenuous month. Miss Hawes has just returned after nearly three weeks absence, due to her own illness and to illness in her family. The Bureau never has really enjoyed her leave takings and this time was no exception. The library was fairly deluged with extra work incidental to the removal of several of the Bureau office from the Main Bureau building to a rented building nearby. Then we took this occasion to establish a new mailing list of some 5000 addresses, and the Bureau News Letter called for book notes as well as the book list. Just now we are in the throes of binding and of checking up book catalogues.

#### Bureau of Plant Industry

A list of works dealing with Rhododendrons and Azaleas compiled by Miss Atwood appeared in the April number of the National Horticultural Magazine. The introductory paragraph states that only titles of horticultural interest are included and there has been no attempt to make the list exhaustive. It is divided into two main groups, works dealing with evergreen plants which include rhododendron and azalea, and those which deal with them specifically. Under each group the books on the subject are given first, followed by titles of articles in journals.

The Royal horticultural Society of London projected some seven or eight years ago a revision of Pritzels Iconum botanicarum index, an index to pictures of plants. At that time Dr. Stapf, the editor of the Index, sent a list of the publications which they proposed to index to Dr. Coville, and Miss Warner and Miss Atwood spent considerable time going over the list, making corrections and additions. Nothing more was heard of the Index until a few weeks ago when Miss Barnett received a letter from Dr. Stapf, enclosing a list of publications which were







not available in England but which he wished indexed. These were the residue of the list of additions submitted in 1920. For the past two weeks a typist, loaned by the Bureau of Plant Industry and working under Miss Atwood's supervision, has been busy indexing the publications indicated on Dr. Stapf's list. One lot has already gone on and another is ready and it is hoped to finish the work by the end of the present week,

Miss Eleanor G. McMurchy, typist in the library since Sept. 1926, resigned early in April and was married on May 2d. Miss Daisy Long has been appointed typist to fill the vacancy.

#### Bureau of Public Roads

The U. S. B. P. R. Library is striving to live up to the reputation of its mother library which is often called the best library on agriculture in existence. Recently the B. P. R. Library was visited by a representative of a well known New York engineering company who was here attending the Pan American Commercial Conference. He said he had been told this was the best library on roads in this country, so he figured that it must be the best library on roads in the world, and he wanted to get an idea of the trend of the literature on the subject. A personally conducted tour of the library, with access to the bibliographies and the gift of duplicate copies of such as interested him, sent him away satisfied.

The B. P. R. Library has been using a small vacuum cleaner with special brushes for cleaning the books on the shelves. However, this particular machine has not proven very satisfactory because the motor becomes heated and time is lost waiting for it to cool - also, suction through the brushes is not strong enough. Does anyone know of a satisfactory make of machine?

#### Office of Experiment Stations

O. E. S. Library is sorry to report that Miss Howard who has been ill for some weeks is not at the Georgetown Hospital where she has gone for special treatments. As soon as able to travel she plans to go to her brother's home in the west for an extended rest. Miss Howard's sister arrived to-day and will accompany her on this trip.

Nine feet of wall shelving has been added to the O. E. S. Library which it is hoped will take care of its growth until the new building is completed.

Prepared by Helen B. Waterman.





U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

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June 24, 1927.

The Department Library's special job this last month has been cooperation with the First International Congress of Soil Science, which was held at the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, June 13 to 22. "A Classified List of the Soils Publications of the United States and Canada", prepared by Miss Warner, was issued in mimeographed form as Bibliographical Contribution No. 13 of the Library. The reason Miss Warner's name does not appear on the title-page is that she absolutely refused to have it there. It is a publication of 549 pages, and its completion in time for distribution at the congress was a race against time. The first copy was received with joy and relief on June 10. Two temporary typists were appointed by the Library to help in this work, Miss S. C. Cooke and Miss Regina McDonnell. Also some of the Bureaus lent us assistance. At one time we had four people copying and cutting stencils, besides what was being done in the Mimeograph Section of Publications. The delegates to the Congress have seemed interested in and appreciative of the publication. It is possible that an author index will be issued later; there was not time for it before the Congress. A check list of the Department publications on soils has also been issued as Bibl. Cont. No. 14, and a list of the State station publications on soils will be No. 15. The Department and State publications are, however, included in the Classified list.

The Library was assigned a room at the Congress for an exhibit and branch library. Miss Barnett arranged an exhibit which has received very favorable comment. Probably many of you have seen it. Books and Bulletins on Soils were also secured and kept there for the convenience and information of the delegates. Some one from the Library or the B. P. I. Library was in attendance from 8 to 6 every day that the other exhibit rooms were open.

Miss Aline Payen, of the International Institute of Agriculture Library, who spent the winter with us, and has since been in Boston and New York returned to Washington for this Congress. She sails for Europe the middle of July.

So far as we have heard, Miss Lacy is the only one from the Department to attend the A. L. A. meetings at Toronto.

The 4-H Club delegation walked through the library Monday. They could hardly be said even to give us a once-over, for, besides the fact that they merely came in at one door and immediately out at the other, the Library was in darkness from the power house fire, and they couldn't have seen us if they had looked. The lights were off for several hours, and the Library was especially hard hit, for it is dependent on artificial light. We were obliged to grope our way around the shelves and catalogue, thankful if we could get a flash light or a candle. The Loan Desk worked by a very becoming candle illumination.





### Plant Industry Library

Miss Warner has been to Wisconsin with her father for the 60th anniversary of his class at Beloit College. Five of the original thirteen graduates are living and were there with members of their families and representatives of several other families of the class. There were 25 in all to rise to the cheering in the gymnasium when President Maurer paid his tribute to the class of '67 at the alumni luncheon, a thrilling moment for the younger members as well as for the five octogenarians. Surely the alumni cup, awarded to the class which returns 100 per cent strong at commencement, was never in all its previous history given to such an unique group. The best part of the gathering was the getting together at one of the small dormitories, where most of the party stayed as guests of the college. Here were the special exercises, one of the most charming being the presentation of a silver cup by the oldest member of '67 to the class great-granddaughter, aged about 7 months. Not only Baby Barbara herself, but her mother and grandmother, representing one of the class long since dead, and almost all the other members of the later generations, came to this meeting as strangers, but with a strong mutual interest fostered by the class letter. This has been kept in circulation all these sixty years, most of the time going to China, and part of it round the world by way of Turkey, as well as all over these United States. So it was almost as much a "reunion" for their children and grandchildren as for the five old "boys" themselves.

Miss Sherman will spend the months of July and August in the Adirondacks where she hopes to gain in health and strength, which she much needs after her illness through the spring.

Miss Allen left June 22d for Essex, on Lake Champlain, N. Y., where she will spend between two and three weeks.

Miss Atwood leaves on Tuesday, June 28th, to attend the wedding of one of her numerous nieces, at Canton, New York, from there she will proceed to New Hampshire where she expects to spend a month on the shores of Newfound Lake.

### Weather Bureau

The Weather Bureau Library has recently received a moderate addition to its shelving, thus relieving a very serious state of congestion which has existed for some time.





Bureau of Home Economics

Home Economics library reports a very busy month during May. We filed 1500 cards in our catalog that month.

Last month we were pleased to have two callers from the Public Library of this city. They were Miss Hance and Miss Todd of the reference room and the industrial department. Miss Hance and Miss Todd looked over the library carefully and asked many questions about it and then visited the rest of the Bureau. The rats, as usual, claimed much attention and comment.

For the past three weeks Mrs. Shively has neglected all of her current library work and has been devoting as much as possible of her time to completing a bibliography which she has been working on in cooperation with the clothing and textile division. The subject is clothing and health, and will cover the literature of the subject since 1875, and will include references in French and German.

Mrs. Shively leaves at the end of this month to make her home in Pittsburgh. Her successor has not been chosen.





U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

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October 28, 1927.

The main Library had the misfortune to lose three people during the summer - Miss Ross, Mrs. Webb and Mr. Winkle. Two of these, however, went to bureau libraries, so we by no means lose their good work. Miss Ross was transferred to the Bureau of Chemistry Library to take the place of Mrs. Nystrom, and Mrs. Webb went to the Office of Experiment Stations Library to take the place of Miss Stribling. Mr. Winkle's place was taken by his brother Justin. We will leave the Bureau of Chemistry to tell further news of Miss Ross. After Miss Ross' leaving, Miss Chapman worked at the Loan Desk in her place for several weeks.

Acquisitions to the main Library's personnel are Mrs. Lois Dailey, now working in the Catalogue room and Miss Nanele Kees, who has been at the current periodical desk for several months, and has just gone to the Loan Desk to be Miss Upton's assistant. Also Justin Winkle, previously mentioned, who is messenger at the Loan Desk. Mrs. Dailey is a graduate of the University of Washington and of its Library School, and has been working in the library of the Oregon State Agricultural College. Miss Kees is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has been working in the Minneapolis Public Library.

Miss Barnett, Miss Wilkins, Miss Melbourne, and Miss Kees represented the Department Library at the joint meeting of Maryland and the District of Columbia at Hagerstown last Saturday, October 22.

Vacations this year included a trip to England by Miss Katherine Upton, one to California by Miss Crowther, who has just returned, and one to the West Indies, Panama and Colombia, South America, by Miss Gertrude Upton, who is even now on her way thither.

The last of the three Bibliographical Contributions of the Library called forth by the Soils Congress in June, was no. 15, List of Publications on Soils Issued by the State Agricultural Experiment Stations, compiled by Miss Feldkamp and Miss Pennington of the Office of Experiment Stations. It was issued in July. There is a steady demand for all three of these soil bibliographies.

The main Library has a new device for marking call numbers on the backs of books. The marking is done by an electric stylus, which plugs into any electric light outlet. A roll of paper covered with gold leaf is used, the paper being placed gold side down on the book, and the writing being done over it with the hot stylus. The first cost of the apparatus is not great but it remains to be seen whether the cost of the gold leaf makes the process too expensive. The lettering looks very nice, its looks, of course, depending very much on the skill of the letterer. At present this method is being used only on books from the Bindery,





The Department Library has recently subscribed for the new edition of the American cyclopedia. At least the advertisements indicated that it was a new edition but when the first instalment of volumes came, they looked very much like the old ones, corresponding page for page, so far as a cursory examination showed. The publishers tell us that a great many of the articles have been revised and brought up to date, in fact all that needed it, and that as thorough a revision has been made as would be possible without resetting, but we are not really satisfied that it should be called a new edition.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewcock of the Prickly Pear Board of Western Australia were here in the Library working for many days recently, as also Dr. Shibuya of Japan. Dr. Lewcock was delighted with the help afforded him by the B. P. I. indexes and by the Library's collections generally.

We have just received two numbers of the "Cleanliness Journal", published by the Cleanliness Institute of New York, also a bibliography on cleanliness, with the compliments of Miss Marie K. Pidgeon, research librarian. Miss Pidgeon was formerly in the B. P. I. Library and later in the Office of Exhibits.

Dr. Sigmund von Frauendorfer, under appointment at the International Institute of Agriculture Library, worked in our Library during the summer and early fall. He had been taking work at the N. Y. State Library School, and the Illinois University Library School, and had for several months been at the John Crerar Library, Chicago. He is the second of the International Institute Library force to be with us. Miss Payen, as you know, was with us for six months last winter. Dr. Frauendorfer went to the New York Public Library the 1st of October to study there for two or three months. He will take up his work at the International Institute of Agriculture in January. A third student who was similarly preparing for a position in the Institute Library was Mr. Gerald Van Dorpe of Belgium. He arrived in New York in September and was to go immediately to the University of Michigan Library School. Unfortunately, he was taken seriously ill immediately after his arrival in New York and is now in a tuberculosis hospital. As he will not be able to work for a year or more, his scholarship from the International Institute of Agriculture has had to be canceled.

Miss Barnett has learned through the Secretary's Office that in the Library estimates for the fiscal year 1929 the Bureau of the Budget has approved an increase of \$3,720 for two additional cataloguers and an increase of \$500 for books. The authority for the purchase of newspapers, with the appropriation for the purpose, has been transferred to the Library from the appropriation for miscellaneous expenses and the limit on the amount which can be spent for newspapers has been increased from \$700 to \$1200.

The January, 1928, issue of Soil Science is to be devoted to the First International Congress of Soil Science. Miss Barnett was asked to prepare an account of the Library Exhibit for inclusion in the number.





## Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

The joint meeting of the Maryland and District of Columbia Library Associations at Hagerstown last Saturday was attended by Miss Olcott, Miss Carpenter, Miss Bercaw, Miss Gill, and Miss Day of this Bureau.

Miss Minna Gill spent her vacation traveling in Italy, Switzerland, and France. Mrs. McLean visited her parents in California.

During the summer the following visitors from foreign countries have called at the library, some of them staying to do research work here: Mr. Tinley, of South Africa; Dr. Martin, of Uganda, Africa; Mr. Crowther of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, England; Dr. Jutila, Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Board of Agriculture, Helsinki, Finland; Mr. Kishi, of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Tokio, Japan; Mr. Tobata, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics at Tokyo Imperial University; Mr. Matsuda, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics at Hokkaido, Japan; Mr. Tanahashi, of the Imperial University, Kyoto, Japan; Mr. Uehara, of the Imperial University, Sapporo, Japan; Mr. Peters and Mr. Van Boutan of the Netherlands Embassy; and Dr. Hero Moeller from Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany.

Two bibliographies in the Agricultural Economics Bibliography series have appeared since the last staff meeting. They are no. 19, The Apple Industry in the United States, compiled by Miss Bercaw, and no. 20, Bounties on Agricultural Products, compiled by Mrs. Hannay. Revised editions of no. 1, Agricultural Economics, and no. 2, Flour Milling and Bread Making, have also been issued.

An index to the Library Supplement to the B.A.E. News, covering the complete file from January 16, 1923 to December 28, 1926, has been mimeographed and is available for distribution on request. A card index to Agricultural Economics Literature is being kept up to date in the B.A.E. Library.

## Bureau of Chemistry and Soils Library

Mrs. Nystrom left the Library of the Bureau to become Librarian of the Bureau of Home Economics on August 22, taking the place of Mrs. Shively, who left on July 1st on account of a change in her husband's position to one in Pittsburg. Miss Ross, of the main Library, was appointed to Mrs. Nystrom's place in the Bureau of Chemistry Library. On October 4 Miss Ross was married to Mr. Lake S. Gill of Forest Pathology. Mr. and Mrs. Gill took an automobile trip to New England for their wedding trip. Mrs. Gill came back to work on October 17.

## Bureau of Entomology Library

Miss Colcord has been having a gay summer visiting libraries whose keepers were away! In August she went to the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, Division of Insects, in the hope of consulting with the "Papa" of the Index to American Economic Entomology, as one entomologist dubs the compiler of Index I. Unfortunately he was on leave, but she did see the





entomological library. This, while not so fully catalogued as her own, was in physical state far superior, for each pamphlet was in a stiff cover and apparently in its proper place on the shelf. In the main catalogue of the great Widener library, none of these books appeared but there was a complete author catalogue of them in the Division of Entomology library.

October 25th Miss Colcord celebrated a seventieth birthday (her uncle's) by going over the new office building of the Japanese Beetle Laboratory at Moorestown, N. J. The laboratory, formerly located in a small house in Riverton, N. J., is now in the process of moving into its larger and better quarters. As the most interesting part of the field work was over for the season there was little to see except the new offices, the places where various buildings for experimental work will be located, and the fields where it is hoped the experimental orchards will be transplanted by spring.

October 26th she was fortunate enough to get a glimpse of the beautiful new Free Library of Philadelphia. There is an interesting description of this building in the Library Journal for June 15, 1927. The building is very dignified and impressive and is splendidly located, fronting Logan Square, with streets on all four sides. John Ashurst, the Librarian, says "the aim throughout has been to plan a library building which will be safe for the books, comfortable for the readers, large enough for future growth, economical to administer, and worthy of the city and of the people of Philadelphia." It certainly seems to fulfill this aim.

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On September 27th Miss Carabelli and Miss Hawes spent a busy day at the Bee Station in Somerset, Md. They devoted considerable time to going over the classification scheme which Mr. Hambleton and Miss Coon have worked out for arranging the bee bibliography filed there on cards. When Mr. Hambleton took charge of the Station he inherited this bibliography of thousands of cards which had so outgrown its original plan of arrangement that it was practically useless. He is very anxious to make his new arrangement careful and logical as it is the first thing of its kind and will undoubtedly be used as a model for similar projects. They next made a tour of the bee yard and the laboratory during which several interesting experiments were explained to them. We are happy to report that no casualties were suffered in spite of the great gusto with which Dr. Bulger expatiated on the uncertain temper and extreme irritability of the bees at that time of year. In the afternoon they checked over the collection of from 700 to 800 books and periodicals belonging to the Department Library which are filed at the Station.

We are beginning to believe that the Library of our Bureau has been proclaimed as the Mecca to which all devout newspapermen and feature article writers must make pilgrimage. There is at least one a day and there have been three at once, - Mr. Cotton, from the Post, a man from the Star, and the ubiquitous Mr. René Bache. Mr. Cotton labored mightily and an article by him will appear in the Sunday Post for November 6th. For the last four days we have had with us Miss Elizabeth Frazer who has been gathering material for an article to appear in the Saturday Evening Post on the work of this Bureau. Miss Frazer was a volunteer auxiliary nurse in France in 1916 and war correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post from July, 1917-July, 1919. She has contributed articles and short stories to several of our leading magazines.





## Bureau of Home Economics Library

The Bureau of Home Economics Library has a telephone branch of its own now. After you get Home Economics ask for branch 79. This cuts out one step in the journey to Mrs. Nystrom.

## Bureau of Plant Industry Library

A four-page list of "Books for Plant Study", compiled by Miss Atwood, was issued in August as Circular 14 of the Wild Flower Preservation Society. It consists chiefly of popular works on local floras of the United States but also includes a few introductory works on flowerless plants.

Miss Sherman took extra leave this summer on account of her health, and we are glad to say she returned much improved. During one month of her absence we had with us Miss Etehl Lacy, now of the Detroit Public Library. We appreciated not only Miss Lacy's able assistance in our work, but the privilege of renewing associations with her. All of Miss Lacy's friends are proud of her, as since she left Washington four years ago she has, with small amounts of leave from her work in Detroit, completed practically all of her college course and is now at Ann Arbor where she will take her bachelor's degree at the midyear commencement this year.

## Office of Experiment Stations Library

Miss Claudia B. Stribling, long a member of the staff of the O.E.S. Library, was married to Mr. John Marshall of Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, November 26th, at the Church of the Epiphany. Many from the office were present. She will make her home in Detroit and has asked that any of her fellow-workers who are at any time in Detroit look her up. Her work on Extension Service Publications has been taken over by Mrs. Webb who has been on temporary appointment in the O. E. S. Library helping in Miss Howard's absence.

Miss Howard went to California the last week of September. She writes that she made the trip comfortably, and is living with her sister in a furnished bungalow in Glendale, California, and is able to enjoy her lovely surroundings.

Our messenger, Sylvester McCarthy, has left us to take up the tile-laying trade. Sometimes we see him with his tools at his work in the new Press Club Building. His place is filled by Kenneth Clarke, transferred from Grain Standardization.

Our index to Extension Publications was begun in 1916 and no attempt was made to list earlier issues. Recently one of our projects has been the carding of the old numbers and this has just been finished.

Miss Catherine Pennington has just finished reading the proof for Supplement 3 to Dept. Bul. 1199, List of Bulletins of the Agricultural Experiment Stations, 1925 and 1926.

Prepared by

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Introducing Jesse Lee Bennett to Speak on  
"How Books Can Help You."

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You have all had copies of the evening's programme so that you know the speaker's subject and you ~~all of you~~ already know him through his books. He needs no introduction to an audience of librarians. The best thing I can do in presenting our "guest artist" of the evening is to quote briefly from one of his own works. I have it here - that most inspiring book "On Culture and a Liberal Education." Here is the copy, [holding it up for all to see] I want you all to see the extract as it is taken from the book so that he cannot disclaim it. [Taking three sheets of paper from the book] This is what I find in his book itself: no one to mark its books.

We may live without radio, cross-words or jazz. Let us live in the past. We may live a long time without berries de razz, periodical books. Mr. Bennett, live with jazz? What is jazzing but static? Bennett has worked for a time squeaking of bats in an idiot's attic. Library.

We may live without slumber and live without snoozing which Miss Mabel Hunt But library folks must do some perusing. Mr. Greenhouse, who has retired, is taking over to that office the index cards for Department publications. We may live without brains - I know some who do it. Locations from 1901 through May live without "baccy" - there are those that eschew it. Location soon the index. We may live with few garments - at least without many. Basis of this index [We could barely exist if we didn't have any] Library but the index Section. We might sell the House - get along with no Senate. Location in regard to the But we don't choose to live without Jesse Lee Bennett! Some cards, it will therefore be necessary for us to apply to Mr. Riley in the Administration. We may live without bootlegs; may live without booze. Some for parties with the Quit swimming the Channel - did we so choose. Silent help to fill the cards. We could live without flying to Honky-Kong-Konk.

Could cease our lamenting by old Minnetonk

But midst crumbling of creeds, we cling to one tenet in our expansion of the We shan't give up book-making! Page Mr. Bennett.

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You have all had copies of the evening's program so that you know  
the speaker's subject and you all know how much I know about books.  
I need no introduction to an audience of librarians. The best thing  
I can do in presenting our "Guest speaker" of the evening is to quote briefly  
from one of his own works. I have it here - that most inspiring book "An  
Altruist and a Liberal Librarian." Here is the only thing I want to say to  
you [I want you all to see the extract as it is taken from the book so that  
you can not misquote it.] [Reading three sheets of paper from the book] This  
is what I find in his book itself:

We may live without radio, cross-words or jazz.  
We may live a long time without berries de rasp.  
Live with jazz? What is jazz? Not static?  
The speaking of facts in an idiot's attic.

We may live without alcohol and live without dancing  
But library folk must do some dancing.

We may live without brains - I know some who do it.  
May live without "bracy" - there are those that choose it.  
We may live with few garments - at least without many.  
[We could barely exist if we didn't have any]  
We might sell the House - get along with no Senate  
But we don't choose to live without James the Librarian!

We may live without bottles; may live without books.  
Quit swimming the Channel - did we so choose.  
We could live without flying to Long-Long-Town.  
Could cease our lamenting by old Minnetonka  
But midst circling of clouds, we cling to one tenet  
We shall give no book-making! None Mr. Bennett.



U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

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November 17, 1927.

Mr. I. W. Perkins, who has been in the main Library for two years and a half, has left to go to the Department of State. No successor has been appointed as yet and Mr. James Dugan is at present doing the work of the third assistant at the Loan Desk, while John Carr shelves the books and the Catalogue Division has no one to mark its books.

Mr. Harry F. Koch was appointed on November 1st to a position in the Department Library and is working at the current periodical desk. Mr. Koch has had three years at the University of Minnesota and has worked for six and a half years in the St. Paul Public Library.

The Index Section of the Office of Publications, of which Miss Mabel Hunt has just been made the head, in place of Mr. Greathouse, who has retired, is taking over to that office the index cards for Department publications since 1925. The check list of Department publications from 1901 through 1925 is in proof, and it is expected to prepare for publication soon the index to these publications. The cards which form the basis of this index (i. e. those before 1926) are to stay in the Library but the Index Section is taking over there the later cards. For information in regard to these later publications beyond what is shown on our catalogue cards, it will therefore be necessary for us to apply to Mr. Riley in the Publications Office who has a duplicate index. One of the reasons for parting with this index is that the Library had not had sufficient help to file the cards in it as received from Publications.

Some new card cabinet sections have been put in place for expansion of the file of order cards which was getting very crowded.

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At the staff luncheon last Tuesday Miss Gericke spoke on the State Department Library, referring especially to the book collections of interest in connection with economic studies. At the luncheon the week before, Miss Dewees, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, told of recent changes in that division in personnel and assignments of work.

When needing relaxation from entering, the AE periodical workers go to some of the men of the Bureau to ask such questions as "What does the term lug mean on the Fruit Auction Sheets? It is not in the dictionary." A lug is a box used in handling grapes, they found. When full a lug weighs 24 pounds. It is not a crate, for it has no divisions.

We were pleased to find that the Margaret Harrison chrysanthemum displayed at the recent Chrysanthemum Show of the Department was named for our Miss Harrison. Her uncle in Morristown, New Jersey, produced this variety and named it for her.

### Entomology

The library of the Bureau of Entomology is reveling in visitors. Our latest is a young Frenchman, a Rockefeller Foundation student whose name, Trouvelot, is the same as that of the man whose accidental liberation of the gipsy moth in Massachusetts many years ago has since proved so costly to this country. While talking to Dr. Howard last summer of his prospective trip to the United States, Monsieur Trouvelot inquired anxiously if it would be safe for him to land in Boston. He feared a man of his name would be met at the dock by angry mobs. The other day we had to advise him against rushing up town to see "real Indians" after reading in the news that 1500 Red Men were to parade the streets.

Last week Dr. Howard received a telegram announcing the impending arrival of "Thorpe of Cambridge, England". For several hours the File Room and the library vainly sought to identify him. We decided he must be either a Lord or a lad, and finally discovered a Thorpe who became a member of the London Entomological Society in 1926. The spur of hope enabled Miss Hawes to locate one short article by him. We awaited the great unknown with much interest and next morning were rewarded by the sight of a pink-cheeked, timid youth of twenty-two who was impressively introduced to us as "Mr. Thorpe, of Cambridge, England."

Early in the month Dr. Stanislaw Minkiewicz of the Government Institute for Agricultural Research, Pulawy, Poland, returned to the Bureau for a few days before leaving for New York, en route to Poland. He has been in the United States eight months and now speaks very understandable English. He still preserves the foreign customs in saying good bye and delighted us all with his charming farewell.

A very delightful guest this month was Dr. H. T. Fernald, professor of entomology at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst. He was looking up the early history of the Bureau and the Department, and every now and then regaled us with an anecdote or a bit of odd information. One story was





of Dr. George Marx, the spider specialist. Fernald, at the age of 12, met Dr. Marx and with childish curiosity asked "Are you married". "Yes", said Marx. "Have you any children?". "No!", and then with a little shrug of his shoulders, "But I have spiders!"

An old friend whom we are very glad to welcome back is Mr. C. P. Clausen of the Bureau staff, who has just returned from four years in India, where he had charge of the Japanese Beetle field laboratory at Shillong. Besides hunting parasites, he has incidentally hunted elephants, tigers and other big game, and tells us hair-raising tales of his adventures. Also he tell us of the library at the Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, where he spent several months in study.

In between the guets and the regular work we are weeding our letter files and, urged on by Miss Hawes' ruthless hand, have thrown away a large amount of superseded correspondence.

#### Home Economics

We are sorry to announce the resignation of Mrs. Young, effective November 15th. Mrs. Young came to the library about March 1, 1927, and during the time she was with us she not only became thoroughly familiar with the material in the library but also with the needs of the personnel of the bureau. Her absence will be keenly felt.

Since September 1st we have catalogued 566 books and 64 reprints. Most of this material had been filed in the bureau but had never been catalogued. We hope to finish the work within the next month.

#### Public Roads

Miss Marylyn Hall, who has been in charge of the Periodical Desk in the Bureau of Public Roads Library has recently resigned to be Assistant Librarian at the Naval Observatory Library.

#### Weather Bureau

The Weather Bureau has had as recent visitors, Dr. Theodor Hesselberg, Director of the Meteorological Service of Norway, Lt. Col. Ernest Gold, D. S. O., F. R. S., Meteorological Office, London, and Capt. Bureau of the Meteorological Office, France.

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Mrs. Lois Dailey is at present assisting at the periodical desk of the main Library. For the past two months she has been in the Catalogue Division.

Harold Arps was appointed on December 1st as messenger. He comes from Defiance, Ohio. He is now doing the work formerly done by John Carr who is attending to the shelving of books. Harold is taking work in the freshman year of George Washington University.

Mrs. Helen Bishop Waterman, who has been in the Library since February, 1921, resigned on December 15th to devote her time to domestic affairs.

Several of our staff are going to their homes out of town for Christmas. Among them are Miss Kees, Miss Hawks, and Justin Winkle. Miss Welch will visit relatives in Virginia.

The Periodical Reading Room and work room are being painted and work will proceed under difficulties during the next few days. Be charitable of delays.

The Department Library has appointed two new assistants and they are expected to report early in January. They are Miss Vajen E. Hitz and Miss Mildred A. Wilson. The former comes from the Indiana State Library. She took the training course at the Indianapolis Public Library and worked there a year and a half before going to the Indiana State Library. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Miss Wilson is a graduate of the Northland College where she took a library training course, later working in the college library for three years.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

The following bibliographies were issued during November:

Freight rates and agriculture; a list of references compiled by Minna Gill. 36 pages.

A list of international organizations interested in agriculture, compiled by Katharine Jacobs. 16 pages. (Agricultural economics bibliography no. 22)

Oklahoma; an index to the state official sources of agricultural statistics, compiled by Icelle E. Wright, assistant librarian, Oklahoma agricultural and mechanical college... including a list of the unofficial sources of Oklahoma agricultural statistics, compiled by Margaret Walters, reference librarian. Oklahoma agricultural and mechanical college. 460 pages. (Agricultural economics bibliography no. 21) (This bears the imprint date of August)





Oregon; a preliminary list of the sources of agricultural and related statistics of the state, compiled by Lucia Haley, assistant librarian, Oregon State agricultural college. 12 p.

Miss Margaret Harrison, who assists Mrs. McLean at the Periodical Desk, has gone to her home in Huntsville, Alabama, for the holidays.

News has come that a baby was born last week to Frances Sutton Robin, who was in this library for some time before her marriage, and who now lives in Adelaide, South Australia.

#### Office of Experiment Stations Library

Supplement 3 to Department Bulletin no. 1199 has just come from the press. This is entitled "List of bulletins of the Agricultural Experiment Stations for the calendar years 1925-1926", by Catherine E. Pennington.

#### Bureau of Home Economics Library

Miss Doris Wright has been appointed assistant in the Bureau of Home Economics Library to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Young. Miss Wright is a sister of Miss Muriel Wright in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library. She is expected January 3d.

#### Bureau of Entomology Library

Entomology library has ordered and just received from the Library Bureau over one hundred clip labels for marking the periodical shelves. Our periodicals are arranged on regular Library Bureau shelves and we have had considerable difficulty in making labels stick to the surface. The new labels promise to look very well when put up and we hope they will prove satisfactory.

Miss Carrabelli has left us to spend the Christmas holidays with her family in Ohio. She will be gone until after the New Year.

#### Bureau of Plant Industry Library

Plant Industry library has nothing to report but holiday vacations. Miss Pendleton has already gone to her home in South Carolina and Miss Allen leaves tonight for a visit to Wichita, Kansas, while others will be away for shorter periods before the end of the year.

#### Bureau of Public Roads, Library

Miss Nona Doherty who was formerly with the Library of Congress, is now with the library of the Bureau of Public Roads in charge of the periodicals.

